

DATE 9th January, 1970

To : President Pitzer.

FROM : Alan S. Manne and
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SUBJECT:

Dear President Pitzer:

With considerable reluctance, we have signed the January 7th, 1970,
report of your advisory committee on ROTC affairs.

Last spring, the Academic Council voted to uphold the Faculty
Senate action of February 13th. The Senate action was, in our opinion, a
sound one and long overdue. It recognized the fact that a non-Stanford
agency controlled the contents of these courses, and that academic credit was
therefore inappropriate. At the same time, this faculty action permitted the
retention of ROTC as a non-credit extracurricular activity available to our
students. The Department of Defense has shown no willingness to negotiate a
non-credit program here - despite the fact that at Carnegie-Mellon University,
none of the ROTC courses may be used as elective credit or as substitution for
required courses.

Stanford is being asked to adopt the DOD's position, and thereby to
reverse last spring's faculty decision. This makes the issue no longer one of
ROTC alone, but also one of university governance. There are areas in which
it is proper for the views of trustees and/or students to be decisive. In the
matter of academic credit, we believe that faculty views ought to be decisive,
and that the faculty has already expressed its views unequivocally.

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